Frequently Asked Questions for Diversity Funding Initiatives

1. What are the current diversity funding initiatives?
   The George A. Jackson Award and the McNair Scholarship

2. Is there an eligibility term for the diversity funding initiatives?
   Two years for master’s and doctoral students.

3. Is there a requirement for continued support into year two?
   Student must have a fully approved POSC on file.

4. Who can nominate a student for a Jackson Award and/or McNair Scholarship?
   Only DOGEs can submit a nomination through the portal.

5. When will the request portal open?
   The request portal will open during the first week of December.

6. Is there a nomination deadline?
   The portal will close on February 26th.

7. Will nominations be accepted for new students entering fall only?
   Yes. We are only accepting nominations for fall entry.

8. Are master’s and doctoral students eligible for the Jackson Award?
   Yes.

9. Are master’s and doctoral students eligible for the McNair Scholarship?
   Yes.

10. Who enters the Jackson Tuition Award for master’s students?
    The Graduate College will enter the tuition award for diversity.

11. Who enters the $300 fee contribution?
    The Graduate College will enter the fee contribution.

12. How will I know if an applicant is eligible for the McNair Scholarship?
    McNair applicants check a box on the application indicating their participation. The Graduate College receives a document from the student’s institution verifying their participation.

13. Is the McNair Scholarship renewable after the first year?
    The McNair Scholarship is a one-time award where 1/3 is awarded at entry and the other 2/3 when the student’s POSC is approved.

14. Does the Graduate College pay the application fee for all underrepresented students?
    No; however, the Graduate College will pay the application fee for students who are McNair Scholars, LSAMP participants, and those who participate in our summer and fall virtual recruitment events.

15. Who enters the McNair Scholarship funds for those students who accept the offer of admission?
    The McNair Scholarship will be entered and monitored by the Graduate College.
16. Has GMAP ended?
Yes. GMAP has ended; however we will honor all commitments to currently enrolled students who are supported by GMAP to the end of their eligibility. Please use the GMAP Request for Renewal form to request continued support for eligible students.

17. Have the AGEP and GWC fellowships ended?
Yes. Both fellowship initiatives have ended; however the Graduate College will honor all commitments to currently enrolled recipients to the end of their eligibility.

18. Will the Diane Brandt Scholarship continue?
This scholarship is donor based and monitored through the Provost Office. The Graduate College awards a specific number each year as determined by the Provost Office.